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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Masaaki NISHIJIMA

Serial No. 09/351,160

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

) Art Unit: 2811
) Examiner: D. Owens

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 11, 2001 please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

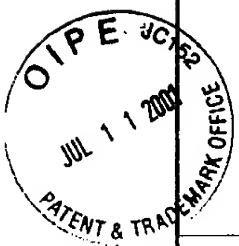
Please cancel claims 28, 30, 31, and 33.

Please amend claims 29 and 32 as follows:

29. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
a conductor layer formed on a semiconductor substrate and applied with a ground
potential;
a dielectric film formed on the conductor layer; and
a conductor line formed on the dielectric film such that a bottom face of the
conductor line is opposite to a top face of the conductor layer with the dielectric film interposed
therebetween,

wherein the dielectric film comprises two or more dielectric layers with mutually
different dielectric constants, and

wherein at least one of the two or more dielectric layers comprises:

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